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1. AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, APRIL 21, CARRIED REPORT DEADLINED NDJAMENA CITING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES TO EFFECT THAT AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE AGAINST BOKASSA DURING PAST WEEK. REPORT SAID AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WERE FIRED AT BOKASSA'S CAR, WHICH WAS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS. STORY HAS BEEN REPEATED BY ARMED FORCES RADIO AND OTHERS.

2. INFORMATION MIN TETEYA HAS MADE FORMAL DENIAL ON RADIO AND TELEVISION. ON APRIL 23, DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS CONVOKED BY BOKASSA. PRIMIN MAIDOU READ FORMAL DENIAL OF REPORT, SUGGESTING THAT AFP HAD AGENTS IN BANGUI MANUFACTURING FALSE INFORMATION. EMPERON MADE BRIEF STATEMENT SAYING AFP WAS ATTEMPTING CREATE DISORDER.
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3. TO OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE, AFP REPORT IS NOT RPT NOT ACCURATE.

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AS BOKASSA ARRIVED AT MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL, BANDS OF STUDENTS SHOUTED IMPRECATIONS, BUT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF SHOTS BEING FIRED. SECURITY SURROUNDING BOKASSA CONTINUES VERY HEAVY, HOWEVER. THIS INCIDENT WILL HARDLY DIMINISH BOKASSA'S PARANOIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL PRESS.
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